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Mr. Thomas R. Jones, President  
American Type Founders  
200 Elmore Avenue  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Jones:

The National Urban League will hold its Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, September 25-29. On this occasion, members of the Board and Staff of the Urban League Movement from fifty-five cities will convene to discuss the Urban League program and make plans for its future activities. Prominent persons representing industry, labor, government and social welfare activities throughout the nation will also be in attendance.

The attached tentative agenda will give you an idea of the nature of the conference. You will note that on Friday, September 27, we are scheduling a luncheon meeting sponsored jointly by the Conference Committee and the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. We are anticipating an attendance of possibly 400 persons drawn largely from St. Louis' industrial and commercial leadership as represented in the Chamber of Commerce. This meeting, we believe, will be one of the highlights of the conference.

I am writing to invite you to be the principal speaker for this session of the conference. We have assigned, tentatively, of course, the theme, "Equality of Opportunity - The American Creed", with the hope that the speaker will want to use this for his subject. However, we will leave to the discretion of the speaker the final choice of a subject.

Because of the Urban League's pioneering role in the field of economic adjustment as it affects Negro wage-earners, and because of your knowledge of the Urban League's work in the New Jersey area, we are certain that you can help us further the cause of industrial democracy. We should be very grateful, therefore, if you will accept this invitation to address the meeting.

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You may want to discuss the conference and this particular assignment before making your decision. In this case, please communicate with me by telephone or letter and I shall be glad to come to your office at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.  
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Julius L. Thomas, Director  
Department of Industrial Relations  
NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

See also Ray -  
Hope he will  
accept this bid.

Glad you are  
hopeful. If you  
can think of any other  
strategies that will help